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Title: HUMAN NEURONAL NICOTINIC )  
ACETYLCHOLINE RECEPTOR )  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS )  
EMPLOYING SAME )  
Docket No.: 51247 )

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**AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS UPON ENTERING**  
**U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER**  
**PCT ARTICLE 41**

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provision of PCT Article 41, Applicants request amendment of this application to reduce the total number of claims prior to the calculation of the filing fee and to rewrite the claims to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

To effect this amendment, please substitute the enclosed Claims 1-20 for Claims 1-52 originally filed. For this purpose, we provide herewith replacement pages 33-37. Because the total number of pages is reduced, a replacement page 38 also is provided to accommodate the new page number for the Abstract, which otherwise remains unchanged.